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of
ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Containing Minutes of the
**General Conference Woman's
Auxiliary Convention**

Convening with
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John R. Frame, Wharton, W. Va.

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Angola, Route 1, Maple Hill, N. C.
Antioch, Route 5, Box 281-A, New Bern, N. C.
Bethel, Route 1, Merritt, N. C.
Bethel, Route 2, Four Oaks, N. C.
Bethlehem, Chinquapin, N. C.
Black Jack, Route 3, Box 325, Greenville, N. C.
Black Jack Grove, Route 6, Goldsboro, N. C.
British Chapel, Route 6, Kinston, N. C.
Cabin, Route 1, Beulaville, N. C.
Christian Chapel, Pink Hill, N. C.
Cordova, Rockingham, N. C.
Core Creek, Cove City, N. C.
Crab Point, Route 1, Morehead City, N. C.
Daly's Chapel, Route 1, Seven Springs, N. C.
Dawson's Grove, Route 1, Scotland Neck, N. C.
East Rockingham, Airport Road, Rockingham, N. C.
Edwards Chapel, Route 1, Beaufort, N. C.
Elm Grove, Route 1, Box 149, Ayden, N. C.
Everett's Chapel, Everett Avenue, Clayton, N. C.
First Church, 1212 East Main Street, Durham, N. C.
First Church, 604 E. Ash Street, Goldsboro, N. C.
First Church, 312 W. Lenoir Avenue, Kinston, N. C.
First Church, Seventh and Franklin Streets, Roanoke Rapids, N. C.
First Church, 406 Cokey Road, Rocky Mount, N. C.
First Church, S. Third Street, Smithfield, N. C.
First Church, Tarboro, N. C.
Folkstone, Route 1, Holly Ridge, N. C.
Free Union, Route 1, Pinetown, N. C.
Fremont Chapel, Fremont, N. C.
Gospel, Hamlet, N. C.
Gray Branch, Route 1, Deep Run, N. C.
Hopewell, Route 1, Smithfield, N. C.
Hickory Chapel, Route 4, Ahoskie, N. C.
Highland Pines, Route, Hamlet, N. C.
Johnston Union, Route 1, Clayton, N. C.
Kenly, Kenly, N. C.
Lanewood Chapel, Route 3, Smithfield, N. C.
Little Creek, Route 1, Ayden, N. C.
Little Rock, P. O. Box 275, Lucama, N. C.
McFarlan, McFarlan, N. C.
Marsh Swamp, Route 1, Sims, N. C.

Memorial, Route 1, Chocowinity, N. C.
 Morganton, 504 S. Sterling Street, Morganton, N. C.
 Mount Calvary, Route 2, Box 75, Hamlet, N. C.
 Mount Olive. West Over Avenue, Kannapolis, N. C.
 Mount Olive, Mount Olive, N. C.
 Mount Pleasant. Route 2, Newport, N. C.
 Mount Tabor, Route 2, Creswell, N. C.
 Mount Zion, Beulaville, N. C.
 Mount Zion, Roper, N. C.
 New Sandy Hill, Route 1, Bailey, N. C.
 Northeast, Route 4, Mount Olive, N. C.
 Northern, Route 1, Box 103, Bahama, N. C.
 Oak Grove, Bladenboro, N. C.
 Oak Grove, Route 2, Newton Grove, N. C.
 Oak Grove, Route 1, Vanceboro, N. C.
 Ormondsville, Route 1, Ayden, N. C.
 Palmer Memorial, 904 Northview Street, Raleigh, N. C.
 Pilgrim's Home, Route 2, Dover, N. C.
 Piney Grove, Route 1, Kenly, N. C.
 Pleasant Grove, Route 2, Pikeville, N. C.
 Pleasant Plain, Route 2, Middlesex, N. C.
 Prayer Time Chapel, U. S. 1 South, Rockingham, N. C.
 Riverside, Route 1, Princeton, N. C.
 Rock Springs, Route 1, Bailey, N. C.
 Rooty Branch, Route 2, Mount Olive, N. C.
 Rose Bud, Route 4, Wilson, N. C.
 Saint Paul, Cedar Street, Elizabeth City, N. C.
 Sandy Plain, Route 2, Pink Hill, N. C.
 Selma, Pollock Street, Selma, N. C.
 Shady Grove, Route 5, Dunn, N. C.
 Sherron Acres, 1300 Lynn Road, Durham, N. C.
 Smith's New Home, Deep Run, N. C.
 Snow Hill, Route 2, Mount Olive, N. C.
 Sound Side, Columbia, N. C.
 Spring Hill, Highway 70 West, Goldsboro, N. C.
 Stancil's Chapel, Route 2, Kenly, N. C.
 Stoney Creek, Route 2, Patetown Road, Goldsboro, N. C.
 Stony Hill, Route 2, Middlesex, N. C.
 Tee's Chapel, Route 2, Smithfield, N. C.
 Trinity, Pantego, N. C.
 Union Chapel, Middlesex, N. C.
 Union Grove, Route 2, Fremont, N. C.
 Unity, Durham, N. C.
 Whaley's Chapel, Route 2, Richlands, N. C.
 White Oak, Bladenboro, N. C.
 White Oak Grove, Route 3, LaGrange, N. C.
 Wintergreen, Route 1, Cove City, N. C.

Winterville, Winterville, N. C.

Wooten's Chapel, Route 3, Box 284, Raleigh, N. C.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Forest Pine, Route 2, Cheraw, S. C.

VIRGINIA

Virginia Beach, 210 S. Witchduck Road, Virginia Beach, Va.

WEST VIRGINIA

West Virginia Yearly Meeting (Embracing West Virginia and Ohio)
"Representing 56 Churches"

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Minutes of the 1970 Annual Session of the General Conference of Original Free Will Baptists

The 1970 annual session of the General Conference convened with the Virginia Beach Free Will Baptist Church, 210 South Witchduck Road, Virginia Beach, Virginia, on July 7, 8, 1970. Registration for the Conference began at 1 p. m. on July 7, under the direction of the Credentials Committee.

TUESDAY EVENING, JULY 7, 1970, 7:30 P. M.

The Tuesday evening session began with a song service under the direction of the Rev. J. B. Starnes of Pikeville, North Carolina. Mr. Tommy Manning served as the organist, and Mrs. J. B. Starnes served as the pianist for the Conference. The Norman Ard family rendered special music.

The opening devotional was given by the Rev. John R. Frame of Wharton, West Virginia. He used Hebrews 12:1-4 as a basis for his remarks on exalting Christ "so that the world can see Him in us."

The Rev. Charles Jones, pastor of the Kempsville Baptist Church of Virginia Beach, extended a cordial welcome to the General Conference to the city of Virginia Beach and the surrounding area. The Rev. Fred A. Rivenbark gave a warm welcome on behalf of the host church.

Response to the welcome was given by Mr. Oscar Webster, delegate from the Albemarle Union Meeting in North Carolina; after which the congregation sang a hymn.

The Conference was officially opened for transaction of business by the secretary, the Rev. Bobby G. Bazen, who presented the Rev. Walter Carter, president, to preside over the session.

During the business period the following committees were appointed:

NOMINATING COMMITTEE—The Revs. Robert Smith, O. B. Jones, and John Frame.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE—Dr. W. Burkette Raper, the Rev. John Mayhew, and Mr. George Mayhew.

The secretary presented the report of the Executive Committee which was adopted by motion except the resolution from the Albemarle Union Meeting (see report).

The Conference offering was received while the congregation sang a hymn.

Mr. Tommy Manning, editor of literature of the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, introduced the speaker, the Rev. Walter Reynolds, manager of the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation. Mr. Reynolds based his message, "A Good Church," on Revelation 2:1-7. He stated that a good church is a spiritual church, a loving church, a consecrated church, and a loyal church.

Mr. Oscar Webster, on behalf of the Albemarle Union Meeting from

North Carolina, made a motion to amend Article V of the Constitution as follows: "That section one of Article V be deleted and that section two become Article V." It was moved and carried to lay the amendment on the table until the business session at 2:50 p. m. on July 8, 1970.

The Rev. Fred A. Rivenbark presented a partial report of the Credentials Committee which was received.

The Conference recessed for the evening following a hymn and the benediction.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8, 1970, 9:30 A. M.

The Wednesday morning session was opened under the direction of the Rev. J. B. Starnes leading the congregation in a number of hymns; followed with Mr. and Mrs. Starnes singing a duet.

The morning devotional taken from John 4, was conducted by the Rev. Billy Yawn. God's love for people was depicted from this account of the woman of Samaria.

After the devotional the congregation was led in a song service; then special music was presented by Mr. and Mrs. Starnes.

The Rev. Walter Carter presented the moderator's message to the Conference based on Matthew 28:18-20. He challenged the Conference to "go, preach, and teach."

Following congregational singing, the Rev. Fred A. Rivenbark introduced the Rev. Harold M. Wallace, pastor of Sherron Acres Church, Durham, North Carolina, as the speaker of the hour. Mr. Wallace presented the Rev. Rusty Coffey and Mrs. Harry Brown who sang a duet. Mr. Wallace then took his text from Nehemiah 5:1-5 and revealed the selfishness, spiritual famine, and lustfulness in the lives of God's chosen people. After the message several responded to an altar call.

Special music was rendered by the Rev. and Mrs. Starnes, the Rev. Norman Ard, and the Rev. Clyde Cox.

Dr. W. Burkette Raper, president of Mount Olive College, introduced Dr. Michael Pelt, chairman of the Department of Religion of the college, by saying that he had found him to be "a man of absolute honesty and integrity." Dr. Pelt then brought a message on the theme of "Exalting Christ Through Evangelism." He used as his text 2 Kings 7:3, "... Why sit we here until we die?"

The host pastor, the Rev. Fred A. Rivenbark, made appropriate announcements concerning the places to eat in the surrounding area, and the morning session was closed with prayer.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8, 1970, 1:30 P. M.

The afternoon session of the Conference was opened with devotional by the Rev. O. B. Jones, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church, Durham, North Carolina. He spoke on "He Shall Not Fail," from Isaiah 47:4.

The report of the Board of Home Missions and Evangelism was given

by the Rev. J. B. Starnes. It was moved and carried to adopt the report (see report).

The report of the Board of Foreign Missions was given by the Rev. R. H. Jackson and adopted (see report).

The final report of the Credentials Committee was given by the Rev. Fred A. Rivenbark and adopted (see report).

The report of the Board of Christian Education was given by Dr. W. Burkette Raper and received as information (see report).

The report of the Board of Publications was given by the Rev. Walter Reynolds and adopted (see report).

A motion was made and carried to remove from the table the proposed constitutional change and act upon the change. ("That section one of Article V be deleted and that section two become Article V.") The proposed change was defeated.

The report of the Resolutions Committee was presented by Dr. W. Burkette Raper and adopted (see report).

The report of the Nominating Committee was read by the secretary and adopted (see report).

The report of the treasurer was read by the secretary and adopted (see report).

There was a motion made and carried to have all the messages presented at the Conference submitted in manuscript form to "The Free Will Baptist" for publication.

It was moved and carried to leave all unfinished business in the hands of the Executive Committee.

It was moved and carried to adjourn. After a hymn, the Rev. M. E. Cox prayed the prayer of benediction.

Respectfully submitted,
WALTER CARTER, *President*
BOBBY G. BAZEN, *Secretary*

R E P O R T S

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

(September 17, 1969)

The Executive Committee of the General Conference of Original Free Will Baptists met at the Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Middlesex, North Carolina, on September 17, 1969, at 4 p. m. Members of the committee present were the Revs. Walter Carter, Clyde Cox, Bobby G. Bazen, David W. Hansley, Walter Reynolds, Sheldon Howard, David C. Hansley, Dr. W. Burkette Raper, Dr. Michael Pelt, the Rev. Bruce Goodwin, proxy for the Rev. Walter Patterson, and the Rev. R. H. Jackson, representative of the Board of Foreign Missions.

The meeting was called to order by the president, the Rev. Walter Carter, and the Rev. R. H. Jackson prayed the opening prayer. The minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held at the Black Jack Free Will Baptist Church July 8, 1969, were read for information.

After discussing the action taken by the Conference concerning the General Association of General Baptist, it was moved and carried to rescind the action of the Conference of July 8, 1969, relative to the General Baptist.

The committee mutually agreed to leave the 1970 meeting place in the hands of the president, secretary, and the Rev. Fred A. Rivenbark.

The request of the Internal Revenue Service relative to the General Conference tax number was discussed, and by motion the matter was left in the hands of the secretary to proceed in obtaining the number.

The secretary gave the following report to the committee concerning the U. S. Congress on Evangelism held in Minneapolis, Minnesota, September 8-13, 1969:

On September 7, 1969, the Rev. Cedric D. Pierce Jr. and I, along with our wives, left North Carolina to attend the U. S. Congress on Evangelism in Minneapolis, Minnesota. We were aware that it was a long distance to travel, but the full impact of driving this far was not felt until 28 hours later when we arrived tired, weary, and completely exhausted. However, it was evident even in this state of exhaustion that we were in store for a "Pentecostal experience" while in Minneapolis.

I searched for a word or phrase all week that would sum up the experience we were having. Such words as wonderful, fantastic, marvelous, and even shocking came to mind. But perhaps one word is not sufficient to characterize what happened. I would like to quote the evaluation presented at the close of the Congress as a description of what happened.

"The first U. S. Congress on Evangelism can best be described, we believe, in the words of Acts 4:31: 'And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together.'

"During these five days past we have seen the church in microcosm. We have seen her radiate in the splendor of her united witness to the Lord Jesus Christ. We have seen the frailty, impotence, and sin of her daily

walk. We have joined in the church's struggle to carry out her ministry of healing and redemptive love right here on Grant Street. We have beheld the church rocked, challenged, and even exposed by the humanity around her; and we have sought to learn all over again what it means to follow Jesus.

"We believe that what has happened this week in Minneapolis has not happened before in our lifetimes. We thank God for the experience. We believe that evangelicalism in America has had a new birth of freedom: freedom from old cliches, freedom from narrow loyalties, freedom from restricted fellowship, freedom in Christ to proclaim the gospel in love to the family of mankind.

"We shall go from this city in the strong conviction that we shall never be the same, and we are carrying with us a message that will make sure that our churches will never be the same. Our fervent prayer and desire is that we shall be empowered to win men and women to Jesus Christ in such a fresh and appealing way that God the Holy Spirit will be pleased to send spiritual awakening to our land and to the world.

"As the Word of God has been preached in full power from this platform, we have tasted the new wine of God's liberating Spirit, and the old wineskins seem strangely inadequate to contain it. The wind of the Spirit has blown through our assembly. Together we have undergone a baptism of love, and we covet it for our churches. We do not believe as Karl Marx did that men can change the world; but we believe that God can. We dedicate ourselves to be His instruments, available to the moving of His Spirit, and responding in obedience to His command with the word of the prophet: 'Here am I, send me.'"

There were many outstanding parts on the program, and it is almost impossible to choose the one that was most effective. Perhaps the most effective sermons were the ones by Dr. Leighton Ford, brother-in-law of Dr. Billy Graham; Evangelist Tom Skinner, converted gang leader of Harlem; and Dr. Stephen Olford, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in New York. These men literally brought the power of God down from heaven into the hearts of those present.

Also of great importance was the church in action groups. Several of the churches of the United States shared their successful efforts to reach the people of their community with the gospel.

An encouraging aspect of the Congress was the emphasis placed upon the youth. Among those appearing in behalf of the youth were Bobby Richardson, Bill Glass, Pat Boone, the New Hope Singers, and the Kinsfolk. Friday night was planned for the youth of the surrounding area and was called "Turn On." The meeting place was the armory, and after ten thousand had filled it to more than capacity, between five and eight thousand came to the Municipal Auditorium. At the close of the service Pat Boone gave an invitation with between 800 and 1,000 young people responding.

The Congress was brought to a climax with Dr. Billy Graham leading in a commitment service.

Not only was there a searching of the mind for a way to describe the

Congress, but there was also the question, "How can we transfer the effect of the Congress to the Free Will Baptist churches of the General Conference?" I admit that I do not have the complete answer to this question. In a broad sense the answer lies in the "fires of evangelism"; and unless our churches catch the spirit of evangelism we will dry up. I would like at this time to propose a year of evangelism among Free Will Baptists. It is my prayer that the Spirit of the living Christ shall witness of us, "When they prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together."

The church will not, yea, it cannot be the same after 5,000 delegates, 4,700 women, and 15,000 to 18,000 young people met in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and felt the "fires of evangelism" burn in our hearts.

After hearing the report, the Executive Committee appointed the following people to study and draw up plans for a year of evangelism among Free Will Baptists: Bobby G. Bazen, Cedric D. Pierce Jr., Sheldon Howard, Fred A. Rivenbark, Joseph Ingram, and David C. Hansley.

By motion the meeting adjourned with prayer. The next meeting to be held at the North Carolina Midyear Ministers' Meeting.

WALTER CARTER, *President*

BOBBY G. BAZEN, *Secretary*

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

(January 9, 1970)

The Executive Committee of the General Conference of Original Free Will Baptists met at Wilber's Bar-B-Q Restaurant, Goldsboro, North Carolina, on January 9, 1970, at 1 p. m. Members of the committee present were the Revs. Walter Carter, Clyde Cox, Bobby G. Bazen, David W. Hansley, Fred A. Rivenbark, Walter Reynolds, and Dr. W. Burkette Raper. Serving as proxy for absent members were the Revs. Cedric D. Pierce Jr., Joseph Ingram, Luther Swinson, and Mrs. Bobby G. Bazen.

The meeting was called to order by the president, the Rev. Walter Carter, and the Rev. Fred A. Rivenbark led in prayer.

The minutes of the September 17, 1969, Executive Committee meeting were read for information.

The Rev. Luther Swinson was elected by the committee to fill the unexpired term of the Rev. Paul Williams on the Board of Church Relations.

The secretary gave the following report from the Committee on Evangelism and request the Executive Committee to appropriate funds for this work:

The General Conference Committee on Evangelism met in the Moyer Library of Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina, December 12, 1969, at 10 a. m. Those present were the Revs. Cedric D. Pierce Jr., Bobby G. Bazen, Sheldon Howard, and Joseph Ingram.

Opening remarks were made by Bobby G. Bazen and Cedric D. Pierce Jr., and Joseph Ingram led in prayer. A letter from the Rev. Fred A. Riven-

bark was read stating that it would not be possible for him to attend the meeting.

There were two objects of discussion relative to the needs of Free Will Baptist in evangelism. They were the preaching (inspiration) and teaching (training) ministry that would be necessary to effectively sponsor a program of evangelism.

It was decided that when the committee completed the plans for a period of evangelism that a representative from each department and institution of the church would be invited to serve on the Committee on Evangelism.

The next meeting of the committee was set for February 2-4, 1970, in Greensboro, North Carolina.

By motion, \$100 was appropriated to the Committee on Evangelism for its work until the Conference meets in its annual session July 7, 8, 1970.

By motion, the secretary was given a vote of appreciation for securing the tax exempt status for the General Conference of Original Free Will Baptists. (The number is 237042015.)

By motion, the president, vice-president, secretary, and the Rev. Walter Reynolds were elected to serve as the Program Committee for the 1970 session of the Conference.

It was moved and carried to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,
WALTER CARTER, *President*
BOBBY G. BAZEN, *Secretary*

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

(July 7, 1970)

The Executive Committee of the General Conference of Original Free Will Baptists met at the Virginia Beach Free Will Baptist Church, 210 South Witchduck Road, Virginia Beach, Virginia, on July 7, 1969, at 4 p. m. Those present for the meeting were the Revs. Walter Carter, Bobby G. Bazen, Billy Yawn, Fred A. Rivenbark, J. B. Starnes, Walter Reynolds, R. H. Jackson, O. B. Jones, and Wriston Deese.

The meeting was called to order by the president, the Rev. Walter Carter, and the Rev. O. B. Jones led in prayer.

The minutes of the September 17, 1969, and January 9, 1970, Executive Committee meetings were read and approved.

The printed program for the 1970 session was adopted as the official order of service, giving the president the authority to change it is necessary.

By motion, the resignation of the Rev. Walter Patterson as treasurer, and the Rev. David C. Hansley as a member of the Board of Youth Activities were accepted.

By motion the Credentials Committee was appointed as a Finance Committee to serve for the session.

By motion, the following resolution was referred to the Resolutions Committee:

"We, the Albemarle Union Meeting in regular session, declare and send the following resolution to the General Conference by our delegate: That the current registration fees for churches and ministers be eliminated and replaced by liberal contributions from churches, union meetings, conferences, and other groups that represent. We believe that the current registration fees are in violation of the Free Will Baptist doctrine and Bible beliefs. We ask that our resolution be recognized."

It was moved and carried to leave the 1971 meeting place in the hands of the Executive Committee.

It was moved and carried to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,
WALTER CARTER, *President*
BOBBY G. BAZEN, *Secretary*

BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS AND EVANGELISM

FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance July 7, 1969	\$ 551.73
Receipts 1969-1970	880.46
Total to Account For	\$1,432.19

DISBURSEMENTS

Telephone	\$ 28.16
Graphic Reproduction	20.71
Preparing Report	76.95
Expenses in Missions	968.39
Personalized Checks	5.20
Total Disbursements	1,099.41
Balance July 8, 1970	\$ 332.78

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

We want to thank you for your prayers and support last year. In the 1969 session the Conference voted to work with the North Carolina State Convention Missions Board in sending out foreign missionaries.

At the present time the North Carolina State Convention Missions Board is supporting the following missionaries:

The Rev. and Mrs. Joe Barrow, Africa

The Rev. and Mrs. Harold Jones, Philippines

The Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Timmons and native missionaries, Mexico.

Please continue to pray for the mission efforts of the Conference as we work in these fields.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance on Hand July 1, 1969	\$ 111.74
Received This Year	475.98
Total to Account For	\$ 587.72
Disbursements for the Year	534.00
Balance in Treasury July 1, 1970	\$ 53.72

Respectfully submitted,
R. H. JACKSON, *Treasurer*
BILLY YAWN, *Chairman*

FINAL REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Ministers	52
Delegates	43
Visitors	52
Churches	93
Yearly Meeting (Representing 56 Churches)	1
Union Meeting	1

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Mount Olive College, sponsored by the North Carolina State Convention of Free Will Baptists, is glad to make its services available to Free Will Baptists everywhere. The following new programs and activities which will be put into use and service this fall will be of special interest to friends of the College:

1. *Nursing Education*—Beginning with the current academic year, Mount Olive College now provides the first two years of study leading toward a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing. Special arrangements have been made for the full transfer of credits with junior standing. Students will receive their hospital training along with their last two years of study at Atlantic Christian College, Wilson, North Carolina. (The Mount Olive College program is also transferable to the School of Nursing at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.)

2. *Cooperative Education*—Under a grant from the U. S. Office of Education, Mount Olive College has become the "flagship" college in North Carolina for a program in Cooperative Education. Dr. Charles L. Sapp has been appointed director of the program which will provide alternating work experiences and study for students. Coop permits a student to examine his professional goals in the context of employment while he is still enrolled as a student. Moreover, the program provides the setting for a student to develop a sense of personal responsibility through work which will largely finance his education.

3. *Music*—Students who wish to major in music may now take their first two years at Mount Olive College. Additional facilities have been provided on the downtown campus, organ has been added to the curriculum, and a series of music scholarships has been authorized.

4. *Individualized Instruction*—One of the most significant educational developments in the history of the College is the inauguration this fall of a program of Individualized Instruction. Fifteen professors have agreed to use an instructional method which permits a student to proceed according to his own rate of learning. At the beginning of the course the student will be given the learning objectives which he must achieve and written instructional packets will be provided. The student will progress to a higher unit after he has adequately mastered the previous unit.

Through improved teaching, more extensive use of tapes, slides, and other media, flexible grading periods, and higher student motivation, we believe 90 percent of our students can achieve satisfactory grades. Our ultimate goal is to produce students who are academically successful and to eliminate academic failure at Mount Olive College.

5. *Resident Housing*—Our men students moved into a new one-half million dollar dormitory this fall. This facility which accommodates 126 students, and the existing dormitory complex for women which has a capacity for 132 persons, gives us rooms for 258 resident students. These buildings are air-conditioned, equipped with automatic washers and dryers, and each room has a small refrigerator. A trained director is in charge of each building. We want for our students not only superior physical accommodations but Christian dormitory directors who are interested in their welfare and who seek to understand their problems.

6. *Financial Aid*—Under the direction of Mr. Charles Harrell, business manager, Mount Olive College has developed an outstanding program of student aid designed to meet the needs of every qualified student. The assistance includes scholarships, grants-in-aid, loans, and employment on and off campus during both the summer and the academic year. Approximately 60 percent of our students receive some form of financial aid through the College. For the 1970-71 year, more than \$150,000 is provided for student aid.

Applications for assistance next year should be made not later than March 31, 1971.

We hope that Free Will Baptists everywhere will recommend Mount Olive College to its young people. Visitors are welcome at all times and the College will be happy to send additional information to interested persons.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLICATIONS

The Board of Publications has had no meetings this past year. However, as chairman of the board, I urge all Free Will Baptist to subscribe to *The Free Will Baptist*, published weekly by the Free Will Baptist Press, Ayden, North Carolina. I further urge our churches and ministers to patronize the Free Will Baptist Press for their literature and supplies.

I am glad to announce that we have opened two additional bookstores this year, giving us a total of four stores now: one in Ayden, Smithfield, New Bern, and Bethel. Also, we have employed two sales representatives in North Carolina on a part-time bases. The Rev. Harry A. Jones will work north of

Highway 70, and the Rev. Everett Harper of Deep Run will work South of Highway 70.

Respectfully submitted,
WALTER REYNOLDS, *Chairman*

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

1. Whereas, the present date for the annual meeting prevents many people who are engaged in farming from attending the General Conference of Free Will Baptists; therefore, be it resolved that the Executive Committee of the Conference be requested to make a comprehensive study of denominational activities during the summer and submit to the 1971 session of the Conference its recommendation regarding the most suitable date for the annual meeting of the Conference.

2. Whereas, the Virginia Beach Free Will Baptist Church has entertained the 1970 session of the General Conference in a genuine spirit of Christian fellowship and has given careful consideration to our needs and comfort; therefore, be it resolved that this Conference give a rising vote of appreciation to the Virginia Beach Free Will Baptist Church and its pastor, the Rev. Fred A. Rivenbark, for their gracious hospitality during this session of the General Conference.

Respectfully submitted,
DR. W. BURKETTE RAPER, *Chairman*
THE REV. JOHN MAYHEW
MR. JOHN MAYHEW

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Board of Christian Education: Dr. W. Burkette Raper (1975)

Board of Superannuation: Rev. David Hansley (1975)

Board of Publications: Rev. Walter Reynolds (1975)

Board of Church Relations: Dr. Michael Pelt (1975)

Chaplain's Commission: Rev. L. B. Woodall Jr. (1973)

Board of Youth Activities: Rev. Jimmy Ryan (1975); Rev. Wayne West (1972)

Board of Home Missions and Evangelism: Mr. Carol Sheets (1973); Rev. Robert May (1971)

Board of Foreign Missions: Rev. R. H. Jackson (1973)

Credentials Committee: Rev. John Furr (1973)

Treasurer: Rev. John R. Frame

Respectfully submitted,
THE REV. ROBERT E. SMITH
THE REV. O. B. JONES
THE REV. JOHN R. FRAME

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance Brought Forward \$ 389.80

Receipts for the Year

A. 1969 Session:
 Registration Fees \$ 876.00
 Offerings 159.05 1,035.05

B. Contributions During the Year 37.00

Total to Account For 1,461.85

Disbursements for the Year

The Rev. Walter Carter (Salary and Expense) \$ 136.05
 Free Will Baptist Press (Minutes and Supplies) 268.59
 The Rev. Bobby G. Bazen (Salary and Expense) 87.75
 Delegates to U. S. Congress on Evangelism 300.00
 U. S. Post Office 36.00
 Committee on Evangelism 100.00
 Treasurer's Expense 2.00
 Auxiliary Refund 20.00

Total Disbursements 950.39

Balance in Treasury July 7, 1970 \$ 511.46

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I

SECTION 1: NAME. This organization shall be known as the General Conference of Original Free Will Baptists.

SECTION 2: PURPOSE. The purpose of this organization shall be to unite Original Free Will Baptists in a Christian fellowship for the advancement of the kingdom of God through worship, missions and evangelism, education, literature, benevolences, and other means as may be mutually agreed upon. This fellowship recognizes the individual freedom and mutual dependence of all who believe in Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour.

ARTICLE II

SECTION 1: COMPOSITION. This Conference shall be open to any Original Free Will Baptist individual, ordained minister, church conference, association, union meeting, quarterly meeting, convention, or other denominational organization that subscribes to the purpose of this Conference and to its adopted articles of faith and practice.

SECTION 2: VOTING AND OFFICE PRIVILEGES. The privilege of voting and holding office shall be extended to duly elected delegates and qualified ministers.

- A. Each church holding membership in this Conference may send one voting delegate for each one hundred members or fraction thereof.
- B. Each denominational organization holding membership may send one delegate for each two hundred members or fraction thereof.
- C. Any ordained Original Free Will Baptist minister who holds membership in a church, conference, or association, belonging to this Conference shall be eligible to vote and to hold office.
- D. Before voting or holding office, all delegates and ministers must be registered according to procedures adopted by this Conference.

ARTICLE III

OFFICERS. The officers of this Conference shall be a president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer.

ARTICLE IV

MEETINGS. This Conference shall meet annually beginning on Tuesday after the first Sunday in July of each year at a place determined by the Conference while in session or by its Executive Committee.

ARTICLE V

SECTION 1: FEES. Each church and organization shall contribute \$5 annually for each delegate it sends to the Conference. Each minister shall

pay a fee of \$2 annually. These fees shall be payable at registration, and no delegate or minister may vote or hold office until his fee is paid.

SECTION 2: DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS. All funds coming into the General Conference shall be used for the promotion of the Conference unless designated otherwise.

ARTICLE VI

PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE: Business sessions of this Conference shall be conducted in keeping with procedures recognized by *Robert's Rules of Order*. A parliamentarian, who must be approved by the Conference, may be appointed by the president.

BYLAWS

of the

GENERAL CONFERENCE OF ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS

ARTICLE I

Officers, Boards, Committees, and Commissions — Their Election and Duties.

SECTION 1: PRESIDENT

- A. ELECTION. The president shall be elected for a term of two years.
- B. DUTIES. The president shall:
 - 1. Preside over meeting of the Conference and the Executive Committee;
 - 2. Appoint such temporary committees as may be necessary for the work of the Conference;
 - 3. Call meetings of the Executive Committee;
 - 4. Serve as an ex officio member of all standing boards, committees, and commissions; and
 - 5. Perform such other duties as ordinarily pertain to this office.

SECTION 2: VICE-PRESIDENT

- A. ELECTION. The vice-president shall be elected for a term of two years.
- B. DUTIES. It shall be the duty of the vice-president to perform the duties of the president in the absence of that officer. In event that the office of president should become vacant due to the death, inability, resignation, or ineligibility of the incumbent, the vice-president shall fill the unexpired term.

SECTION 3: SECRETARY

- A. ELECTION. The secretary shall be elected for a period of two years.
- B. DUTIES. The secretary shall:
 - 1. Record and preserve an accurate record of all meetings of the Conference and its Executive Committee;
 - 2. Preserve or cause to be preserved all valuable documents of the Conference;
 - 3. Deliver to his successor in office all records, documents, and other articles which may belong to the Conference; and
 - 4. Publish and disseminate such information as may be authorized by the Conference or the Executive Committee.

SECTION 4: TREASURER

- A. ELECTION. The treasurer shall be elected for a period of two years.
- B. DUTIES. The treasurer shall:
 - 1. Receive and have custody of all funds which belong to the Conference;

2. Pay all bills authorized by the Conference or the Executive Committee; and
3. Give a written report of all receipts and disbursements and other transactions to the annual meeting of the Conference and to the Executive Committee upon request.

SECTION 5: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- A. **MEMBERSHIP.** The Executive Committee shall be composed of the president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer of the Conference and the chairman of each standing board.
- B. **DUTIES:** It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to:
 1. Act for the Conference when the Conference is not in session so long as its acts conform to the general policies of the Conference;
 2. Call special sessions of the Conference when there are needs of sufficient urgency;
 3. Serve as the program committee for the Conference;
 4. Assure that adequate provisions are made for annual and special meetings of the Conference;
 5. Fill any vacancies which may occur between meetings of the Conference;
 6. Employ such help as necessary and that funds will permit to administer and promote the work of this Conference; and
 7. Submit an annual budget for the program and activities of the Conference.

SECTION 6: BOARDS OF MISSIONS AND EVANGELISM

I. BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

- A. **MEMBERSHIP.** The Board of Foreign Missions shall be composed of three members elected for a period of three years with the term of one member expiring annually.
- B. **DUTIES.** It shall be the duty of the Board of Foreign Missions to:
 1. Provide a channel through which members of the Conference may coordinate their foreign missionary programs; and
 2. Provide a means for developing and coordinating financial support for foreign missionary projects approved by the Conference.

II. BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS AND EVANGELISM

- A. **MEMBERSHIP.** The Board of Home Missions and Evangelism shall be composed of three members elected for a period of three years with the term of one member expiring annually.
- B. **DUTIES.** It shall be the duty of the Board of Home Missions and Evangelism to:
 1. Help establish and organize Original Free Will Baptist churches in new areas of the United States; and
 2. Cooperate with and assist members of this Conference in local evangelistic efforts.

SECTION 7: BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- A. **MEMBERSHIP.** The Board of Christian Education shall be composed of five members elected for a period of five years with the term of one member expiring annually.
- B. **DUTIES.** It shall be the duty of the Board of Christian Education to:
1. Promote the interest of Mount Olive Junior College, Mount Olive, North Carolina, and any other educational institution recognized by this Conference;
 2. Study the needs and to recommend means whereby the educational needs of Original Free Will Baptists can be more adequately served; and
 3. Sponsor and cooperate with other agencies in arranging youth and ministerial conferences.

SECTION 8: BOARD OF SUPERANNUATION

- A. **MEMBERSHIP.** The Board of Superannuation shall be composed of five members elected for a period of five years with the term of one member expiring annually.
- B. **DUTIES.** It shall be the duty of the Board of Superannuation to study the needs and to recommend means whereby Original Free Will Baptists may provide an adequate program of assistance to disabled aged ministers, their wives and widows.

SECTION 9: BOARD OF PUBLICATIONS

- A. **MEMBERSHIP.** The Board of Publications shall be composed of five members elected for a period of five years with the term of one member expiring annually.
- B. **DUTIES.** It shall be the duty of the Board of Publications to:
1. Approve any literature published in the name of the General Conference of Original Free Will Baptists;
 2. Promote the use of literature published by and the patronage of church supplies sold by the Free Will Baptist Press, Ayden, North Carolina;
 3. Cooperate with and to make recommendations to the Free Will Baptist Press, Ayden, North Carolina, whereby the services of the press to Original Free Will Baptists may be extended and improved; and
 4. Encourage and promote the writing of such items as will strengthen and advance the work of Original Free Will Baptists.

SECTION 10: BOARD ON CHURCH RELATIONS

- A. **MEMBERSHIP.** The Board on Church Relations shall be composed of five members elected for a period of five years with the term of one member expiring annually.
- B. **DUTIES.** It shall be the duty of the Board on Church Relations to investigate and recommend areas of cooperation with other church groups.

SECTION 11: CHAPLAIN'S COMMISSION

- A. MEMBERSHIP. The Chaplain's Commission shall be composed of three members elected for a period of three years with the term of one member expiring annually.
- B. DUTIES. It shall be the duty of the Chaplain's Commission to:
 - 1. Formulate policies and procedure relative to the endorsement and supervision of Original Free Will Baptist ministers for the Chaplaincy in the United States Armed Services and other organizations and institutions using such services; and
 - 2. Represent this Conference in contacts with the *Chief of Chaplains* and other officials or organizations whose activities relate to the ministry of Chaplains in the Armed Forces of the United States.

SECTION 12: CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

- A. MEMBERSHIP. The Credentials Committee shall be composed of three members elected for a period of three years with the term of one member expiring annually.
- B. DUTIES. It shall be the duty of the Credentials Committee to:
 - 1. Arrange for and conduct the official registration at each session of this Conference;
 - 2. Receive and consider applications for membership and make recommendations to the Conference pertaining thereto; and
 - 3. File a statistical report with the Conference such as may be compiled from the reports received.

SECTION 13: BOARD OF YOUTH ACTIVITIES

- A. MEMBERSHIP. The Board of Youth Activities shall be composed of five members elected for a period of five years with the term of one member expiring annually.
- B. CHAIRMANSHIP. The chairman of the Board of Youth Activities, to be known as Youth Director, shall be elected by the board from its membership.
- C. DUTIES. It shall be the duty of the Board of Youth Activities to:
 - 1. Coordinate and promote the Free Will Baptist League program within the bounds of the General Conference; and
 - 2. Coordinate and promote youth activities in the Free Will Baptist Leagues and all youth auxiliaries within the bounds of the General Conference.

ARTICLE II

ADOPTION OF CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS. This constitution and these bylaws shall become effective upon their adoption by a two-thirds majority vote of those attending a regular meeting of the General Conference of Original Free Will Baptists.

ARTICLE III

AMENDMENTS. This constitution and these bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of members present in a regular session of the General Conference of Original Free Will Baptists. All amendments shall be submitted in writing and shall lie on the table not less than six hours prior to adoption and shall, during that time, be read not less than twice in open session.

MINUTES
of the
1970 Annual Session
of the
WOMAN'S AUXILIARY
of the
GENERAL CONFERENCE
of
ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Convening with
VIRGINIA BEACH FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
210 South Witchduck Road
Virginia Beach, Virginia
July 7, 1970

OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

PRESIDENT

Mrs. Norman Ard Route 1, Pink Hill, N. C. 28572

VICE-PRESIDENT

Mrs. Walter Carter 108 Homeward Drive, Rockingham, N. C. 28379

SECRETARY

Mrs. L. A. Holliday

ASSISTANT SECRETARY

Mrs. James A. Evans 600 Carey Road, Kinston, N. C. 28501

TREASURER

Mrs. Carl Dudley Fuquay Varina, N. C. 27526

YOUTH CHAIRMAN

Mrs. Harry Brown Route 1, Box 103, Bahama, N. C. 27503

Minutes of the 1970 Annual Session of the Woman's Auxiliary of the General Conference of Original Free Will Baptists

(JULY 7, 1970)

THEME: "Go and Tell"

The meeting was opened with congregational singing of "Jesus Saves," led by Mrs. C. E. Ladd of Durham, North Carolina, with Mrs. Nerry Wall of Pink Hill, North Carolina, as pianist.

An inspiring and challenging devotion based on Matthew 20:19-25 was given by Mrs. E. M. Miles of Middlesex, North Carolina.

Mrs. F. A. Rivenbark of the local church extended a hearty welcome, and Mrs. R. H. Jackson of Sims, North Carolina, gave the response.

The minutes of the 1969 Convention and Executive Committee were read and approved.

A motion was made and carried that in the event this organization is dissolved, that the funds or other assets held by this organization at that time be turned over to the Foreign Mission Board of the General Conference.

The following were duly nominated and elected as a Constitution and Bylaws Committee: Mrs. Walter Carter, Rockingham, North Carolina; Mrs. Harold Mack Wallace, Durham, North Carolina; and Mrs. C. E. Ladd, Durham, North Carolina.

There was a motion made and carried to elect Mrs. Walter Carter as vice-president, and Mrs. J. B. Starnes as program chairman.

Because of a death in her family, the treasurer, Mrs. Carl Dudley, could not attend the meeting, and the assistant secretary read the treasurer's report (see report).

An offering was received as the hymn, "Rescue the Perishing," was sung. The offering amounted to \$22.51.

The youth chairman, Mrs. Harry Brown of Bahama, North Carolina, gave her report. Her suggestion was to have a Bible quiz based on a given book of the Bible with each local church represented by a team of three with eliminations at district and state level. The winners from each state will compete during the meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary Conference in 1971. Details of this program are to be worked out with the cooperation of the youth chairman of each district and state. This was adopted.

The Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Starnes rendered special music in song at this time, entitled, "At the Crossing."

In the absence of Mrs. Almand Warrick, Mrs. H. L. Spivey conducted a short memorial service for Mrs. J. C. Moye Sr., president, who passed away during the past year. Special music was rendered by the Rev. and Mrs. Norman Ard and Mrs. Nerry Wall, "Beyond Tomorrow."

A playlet in keeping with the Conference theme was given by the local church. This was an inspiration to everyone.

The Registration Committee's report was adopted (see report).

A monologue, "Woman of Macedonia," based on missions, was well presented by Mrs. Nerry Wall, followed by special music by the Ard Family.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer.

JULY 8, 1970

All the ladies present at the General Conference were invited to attend a short meeting held on the morning of July 8, 1970, at which time the youth chairman discussed the proposed youth program. After a question and answer session, a motion by Mrs. E. C. Morris, seconded by Mrs. Pendergrass, was carried to give a \$25 savings bond to each person of the team of three who won.

The meeting adjourned.

Mrs. NORMAN ARD, *President*

Mrs. JAMES A. EVANS, *Assistant Secretary*

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

(July 7, 1970)

The Executive Committee of the Woman's Auxiliary of the General Conference met Tuesday morning, July 7, 1970, at the Virginia Beach Free Will Baptist Church with Mrs. Norman Ard, president; Mrs. Jean Brown, youth chairman; and Mrs. James A. Evans, assistant secretary, present.

The meeting was opened with prayer and the following recommendations were approved to present to the Conference:

1. That this session be considered the seventh session since the first effort to formulate this organization was in 1964 at Marianna, Florida;

2. That a committee to prepare bylaws and constitution be elected;

3. That a love gift of \$10 be given to the president, secretary, and treasurer. (This has been done in previous meetings but no fixed policy has been established.);

4. That 8c per mile and meals be paid to members of the Executive Committee for meetings;

5. That this body recommend to the General Conference that a change of date for the General Conference be considered as the present date prevents many people who are engaged in farm work from attending. We suggest consideration be given to sometime during the last two weeks in June. (This recommendation was written as the following resolution and presented to the Resolutions Committee of the General Conference: "Whereas, the present date for the annual meeting prevents many people who are engaged in farming from attending the General Conference of Free Will Baptists; therefore, be it resolved that the Executive Committee of the Conference be requested to make a comprehensive study of denominational activities during the summer and submit to the 1971 session of the Conference its recommendation regarding the most suitable date for the annual meeting of the Conference.");

6. That suitable books for the records of the secretary and treasurer be purchased and paid for from the Conference funds.

The meeting was adjourned.

MRS. NORMAN ARD, *President*

MRS. JAMES A. EVANS, *Assistant Secretary*

REPORT OF THE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

States Reporting (Ohio, Virginia, North Carolina)	3
Number of Auxiliaries Reporting	27
Number of Delegates	18
Number of Visitors	31
Number of Ministers	16
Contributions	\$128.00
Offering	\$ 22.51

MRS. WALTER CARTER, *Chairman*

TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts

Balance on Hand from Last Conference	\$183.22
Received Since Last Conference (Mr. Patterson)	30.00
Received from Mrs. Patterson	20.00

Return of Love Gift from Mrs. J. C. Moye and
Mrs. Carl Dudley

20.00

Total Receipts

\$253.22

Disbursements

Mrs. Walter Patterson, Secretary's Expense	\$ 7.10
Mrs. Cedric Pierce, 1969 Conference Expense	30.62
Executive Committee Meeting (Mileage and Meals)	21.55
Free Will Baptist Press	2.99

Total Disbursements

62.26

Balance in Treasury July 6, 1970

\$190.96

MRS. CARL DUDLEY, *Treasurer*

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